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**Endangered Species Consultation**

The purpose of this letter is to obtain your concurrence with the finding of no adverse effects from the proposed Prospect Island Restoration Project to State-listed species. The Prospect Island Restoration Project is a project designed to restore approximately 1300 acres of tidal wetlands in the northern Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Multi-agency coordination meetings for this project have been held on a monthly basis since January 1994. Ryan Broddrick, Pat Perkins, and Frank Wernette are some of the Department of Fish Game staff that have attended these meetings. The design of the Prospect Island Restoration Project has incorporated comments from DFG staff as well as staff from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Department of Water Resources.

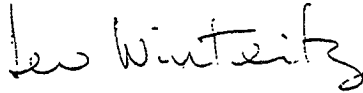
An Environmental Assessment/Initial Study for the Prospect Island Restoration Project was prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and sent for public review with the draft Project Modification Report in late October 1997. The EA/IS found no adverse effects from the Project to State-listed species. In fact, the project is expected to assist the recovery of listed fisheries and plants and to provide habitat for mammals, reptiles, and waterfowl.

The results of a 1997 search of DFG's Natural Diversity Data Base for State species of concern were published in the EA/IS. Giant garter snake, Masons' lilaeopsis, Swainson's hawk and Delta tule pea were found in areas adjacent to the project location, but not in the project location itself. Other State-listed species that may be in the project area were included in a list of species obtained from USFWS. The EA/IS discusses the State-listed species, Delta smelt, Central Valley steelhead, Sacramento splittail, winter-run chinook salmon, Valley elderberry longhorn beetle, Giant garter snake, and Swainson's hawk. These sections of the EA/IS are enclosed for your review.

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The Corps is coordinating with USFWS and NMFS regarding species that are federally listed. We are requesting your concurrence on the finding of no adverse effect for State-listed species. If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 227-7548 or Collette Zemitis at (916) 227-7620

Sincerely,



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Enclosure (photocopy of pages 22-26 of the EA/IS)

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